

MA Department of Mental Health
Worcester Recovery Center and Hospital

INPATIENT MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR DEAF PERSONS

INPATIENT DEAF SERVICES

Accepts individuals who:

- Require inpatient hospital level of care
- Utilize a signed language, visual-gestural communication or need other adaptations for successful communication

Serves:

- Deaf
- Hard of hearing
- Deaf-blind
- Late Deafened individuals
- Massachusetts residents
- Non-Massachusetts residents by arrangement
- Adults
- Adolescents, 14 and older, by special arrangement

Provides:

- Acute Stabilization
- Evaluation
- Evidence-based recovery approaches
- Discharge planning
- Court-ordered forensic evaluations
- Short-term and continuing care

DEAF CULTURE & COMMUNICATION

Communication:

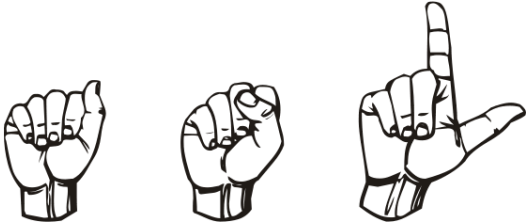
Inpatient Deaf Services Communication Staff are skilled at matching an individual's communication needs. Our staff is composed of native signers, a Communication Specialist, ASL interpreters and signing staff.

Deaf Culture:

Our goal is to have a culturally affirmative environment for people who are Deaf, Deafblind, and hard of hearing.

The Staff:

The Multidisciplinary Treatment Team (Psychiatry, Social Work, Nursing, Psychology, Occupational Therapy, Rehabilitation Counseling, Communication Department) have expertise in mental illness and Deafness.



ACCESSIBLE TREATMENT

Evidence-based Treatment:

We offer Cognitive Behavior Therapy, Dialectical Behavior Therapy, Cognitive Enhancement Therapy, and Trauma-Informed Care in a Person Centered context that has been adapted for Deaf people.

Medication Management:

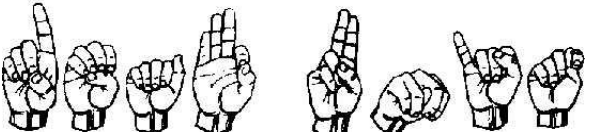
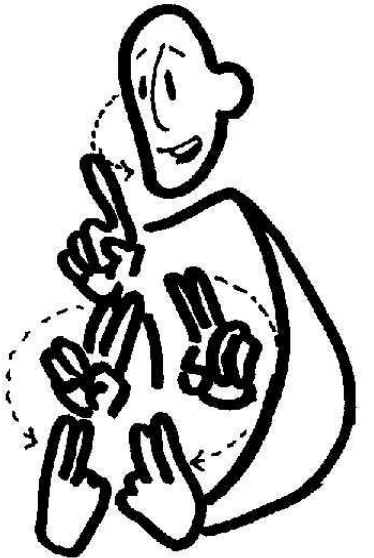
For people in need of psychiatric or medical medications, emphasis is placed on education about symptoms, medication use and side effects.

Communication Strengths and

Language Dysfluency:

Each patient's communication strengths are identified and interventions are adapted to meet communication needs.

Pictorial Communication Tools: As needed, the C Communication Department staff customize visual communication strategies for patients, drawing from over 3,000 images covering the full range of Mental Health topics from symptom and side effect identification to skills recognition and development.



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Other Resources www.mass.gov/dmh
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